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SPIRITUALITY

THE Lord is very pleased with those who keep His commandments, but with those who keep not His commandments, He has no promise. We must never stop, no matter the cost, in our efforts to serve our Father in Heaven, though at times the road may be a hard one to take. This is so because when the devil sees your obedience to the principles of truth, he assigns more of his adverse influence to us to attempt our downfall. To overcome the temptations which beset us, we must seek day by day to be more closely related to our Heavenly Father in both spirit and action. Because our thoughts determine our actions; perhaps, the most vital weapon we have in thwarting the adversary is a clean mind and godlike spirit. There are many ways that the Lord has given to help us draw near to Him and increase our spiritual stature. Perhaps one of these would be to study out the Gospel truths so that we may be able to catch the vision of His eternal purposes by obtaining a complete understanding of them, and be more able to put into practical use the commandments which He has given to us. He has also commanded that we should attend church to aid us in our desires to be close to God. Increased spirituality, instruction in the Gospel and companionship one with another are those things which await us at all gatherings of the Saints. Can we afford to forfeit such blessings by not attending church?

Perhaps the greatest means of obtaining spiritual strength is by humble communication with God through prayer. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast. Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near." (George Careless).

President George Albert Smith told the story of a boy who exercised the power of prayer, and perhaps we could learn from his example. He was an orphan boy of nine years, but before his parents died they taught him the Gospel and the value of prayer. The boy had to have an operation, and as they wheeled him into the operating room he sensed the seriousness of the operation, and as they were going to give him the anaesthetic, he said to the doctor, "Doctor, before you begin to operate, won't you please pray for me?" The doctor was embarrassed and said, "I can't pray for you." So the boy asked the other doctors and nurses in the operating room, but he only received the same answer. Then something remarkable happened. He said, "If you can't pray for me, will you please wait while I pray for myself?" He knelt on the operating table and asked God to make him well again and to help the doctor during the operation. As he finished, the doctors' and nurses' eyes were filled with tears. He then told them that he was ready.

A few days later he left the hospital well on the way to complete recovery, for the operation had been a success.

The doctor later said: "I have operated on hundreds of people, men and women who thought they had faith to be healed; but never until I stood over that little boy have I felt the presence of God as I felt it then. That boy opened the windows of heaven and talked to his Heavenly Father as one would talk to another face to face. I am a better man for having had this experience of standing and hearing a small boy talk to his Father in Heaven as if he were present."

So we have the ingredients of study, church attendance and prayer which when added abundently to the mixture of life, result in a more spiritual personality and an increased testimony of the Gospel. The Lord himself promised us these blessings when he said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened."

DHL

RELIEF SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR APRIL

THE TOP THREE

Branch	Attendance Percent
BELLVILLE	130%
KLERKSDORP	100%
BLOEMFONTEIN	92%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	Number of Magazines	Sick Visits	Visiting Teachers Visits
Bellville**	10	13	130%	6	21	24
Bloemfontein	12	11	92%	11	22	20
Bulawayo	23	13	57%	6	14	—
Carltonville	5	4	80%	2	—	—
Copperbelt	16	13	81%	14	—	—
Durban	39	14	38%	13	5	29
East London	15	7	47%	5	3	19
East Rand	11	10	90%	11	4	28
Krugersdorp	21	17	81%	11	8	28
Klerksdorp**	7	7	100%	4	20	9
Mowbray**	42	34	82%	27	41	92
Pietermaritzburg	11	7	63%	3	—	3
Port Elizabeth	14	8	57%	1	5	—
Pretoria*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Primrose	15	9	60%	6	—	23
Ramah*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury**	12	9	75%	11	7	20
Springs	16	14	87%	17	17	26
Vereeniging	9	5	55%	7	—	—
Welkom**	9	5	55%	4	—	16

* Branches which did not submit reports.

** We congratulate Bellville, Mowbray, Klerskrop, Salisbury and Welkom Branches for their 100% or over visiting teaching. Well done Sisters.

Pictured is the capacity crowd that filled both the Chapel and Recreation Hall at the Transvaal District Conference. A similar capacity also attended the Mission M.I.A. Convention the following week.

The Lord's Educational System

THE society in which we live places a tremendous amount of emphasis upon the proper education of the people which comprise it. Perhaps, there is a greater percentage of people being educated in the world today than ever before in man's history, and the percentage of literate people is definitely at a zenith. The Lord also places a great value upon the development of His children's minds, especially with respect to the gospel, and He has lovingly availed us of the opportunity of improving our knowledge and wisdom. The means by which the Saints have the opportunity to meet together to gain formal instruction as to the principles and doctrines of the Church is the Sunday School. So we can see that the Sunday School has a tremendous responsibility placed upon its shoulders of teaching the Gospel to the children of men. This may appear just a mere statement but there can be nothing more important than gaining a full understanding of the eternal principles upon which all truth is founded. Think for a moment about the statements, "man can not be saved in ignorance," and "the glory of God is intelligence". If we are to become like our Heavenly Father, which is our ultimate goal, we must improve our minds and intellect to match our aspirations. We can not be stagnant, relying upon our good intentions, because that will be a feeble plea, especially when He has already told us that "faith without works is dead".

The Sunday School is also the most important educational system upon the earth, for what other educational board receives instructions and guidance from God Almighty Himself to insure its efficiency, proper procedures and educational materials than the Sunday School within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Is there any other organization upon the earth that teaches only and completely eternal and unchanging principles which are essential for our salvation? No, there is none other like it upon the earth, and it is even acclaimed to be so by men in the world today. Rev. W. F. Buckley speaking in Salt Lake City about the Church said, " . . . it has the best Sunday School organization of any church in the world." ("Salt Lake Tribune," September 9, 1921.)

The Sunday School has a great calling and mission to perform, and we as Saints should take full advantage of it so that we can stand at the last day with no apologies for our ignorance. The opportunity is here for us, and all we have to do is make the effort to partake of it. The teachers within the Sunday School are devoted servants of the Lord in their own special callings and have prepared themselves to impart to you the knowledge which they have so that you might be able to comprehend it and be able to apply it in your own walks of life for your enjoyment and lasting happiness.

May the Lord bless us with the presence of the Holy Ghost to guide us in our search for truth is my prayer.

H.L.

The Primary workers of the Transvaal District met at the Transvaal District Conference with Sister H. Alldredge, Sister J. Fourie and Sister T. Cherrett to receive instruction in perfecting methods of presenting the Gospel to the Primary children.

PRIMARY PAGE

Sister J. Fourie of the Mowbray Branch received a Thirty Year Continuous Service Award at the Cape District Conference. She is now serving as the Mission Primary President.

Sister L. Norbury of the Primrose Branch, and Sisters D. Kunitz and E. van Staden of the Pretoria Branch were presented with Continuous Service Awards in the Primary at the Transvaal District Conference. Sister D. Kunitz (centre) received a Ten Year Continuous Service award, and Sister Norbury (left) and Sister E. van Staden (right) received Five Year Continuous Service Awards.

MISSION HOLDS M.I.A. CONVENTION

THE 1963 South African Mission M.I.A. Convention got under way on Thursday, April 11, with Saints travelling from all parts of the Mission to Johannesburg. Thursday evening, the Roadshow Competition was held, and everyone enjoyed the excellent presentations of the Branches which entered the competition. The judges had difficulty in awarding the prize for the best performance because of the high quality of the acts, but it was voted that Springs had the best presentation.

On Friday morning, the Leadership Meeting was held, and excellent counsel and advise was given to the leaders of the Mission. During the afternoon the speech competition was held, and the speakers addressed us on the theme, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind and strength, and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him." (D. and C. 59:5) Beryl Jean van Staden of the Pretoria Branch won the competition with an excellent presentation on the theme. In the evening, "Papa and Playhouse" was presented by members of the Mission, and everyone enjoyed the production very much.

On Saturday, the volleyball competition was held, but it was rained out before any of the final games could be played. They will be played some time in the future to determine the champions. In the evening the Convention Dance was held. The decorations were lovely and everyone had a wonderful time.

The General Sessions of the Conference were held on Sunday with a capacity crowd filling the Ramah Chapel. The highlight of the day was the address by President Alldredge, who gave us very wise counsel and we are so thankful for it and his leadership.

The M.I.A. Convention was a great success with members from all parts of the Mission enjoying the spirit of friendship there, and we thank all of those who helped to make it such a success.

Scene of "Papa and the Playhouse"

"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD"

BERYL JEAN VAN STADEN
Pretoria Branch

M.I.A. CONVENTION SPEECH COMPETITION WINNER

OUR Father in Heaven could not have given a wiser counsel or necessary commandment to His spirit children, and also as we become—in order to receive our physical bodies — the children of men, than, "THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, WITH ALL THY MIGHT, MIND AND STRENGTH, AND IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST THOU SHALT SERVE HIM." (D. & C. 59:5.)

Now, why should God our Heavenly Father have made such a demand? It sounds almost dictatorial and selfish, but is it? Let us examine the statement a little closer and recall just who God is, the importance of the name of Jesus Christ, who we are, and what our relationship with Them is.

As spirit children, living in a beautiful heavenly home with the Creator of our spirits, we knew God very intimately—He was there with us. We knew our Elder Brother, Jesus, and all those great spirits chosen before the foundations of this earth who would be leaders in the different dispensations of time.

We learned many things, especially at an important council held when a crisis arose as to who would be the Redeemer of this world.

We sang and rejoiced when the plan of salvation was presented to us, and we felt so strongly that we were very anxious and excited to prove our great love to our Heavenly Father.

"Once there was a Father who had a glorious light, truth and love. It shone in all the land, save in the valley of experience, through which each of his children would have to walk."

One day the children came to their Father and said: "Father, you have taught us much as we have walked by your side. Now we wish to leave you and journey through this valley, that we may learn more and become even as you."

"Beloved children, the way is long and filled with many dangers."

"But Father, we shall remember all you have taught us as we have walked by your side, and we shall journey safely through the valley and come back home to you!"

"No, dear children, you will forget what you have learned here. Only the glorious light of the Gospel of love, shining here at home can guide you safely. Truly the way is dangerous! To save you from destruction I will give you commandments and the golden cup of repentance to carry with you as you travel. Oh, my children, the bitterness in the cup is hard to swallow, but if you will drink long and deep, you will find the dregs at the bottom are sweet and healing. As you raise your eyes from the cup you will see the glorious light of the Gospel shining ever more radiantly to guide you home safely."

Who is Jesus Christ? I testify that He is the First Born in the spirit and the only begotten Son in the flesh of the Eternal Father.

He is the co-creator and Father of this earth, the Redeemer of all mankind, and the first fruits of the resurrection. He is our advocate with the Father. His is the only name given under Heaven whereby mankind may be saved, who will yet come in all His power, glory and majesty to Zion which will be built upon the American continent from where He will rightfully rule all people in justice.

No prayer, no work, no ordinance is done without recognising the name of Jesus Christ, and quite rightly so, for God commands we shall serve Him in the name of His Son. If we would be recognised by our Heavenly Father, we must keep His commandments.

Father Adam had a pure love for his God, for without knowing the significance of why he actually did it, he kept the commandment of offering sacrifices. He did it because his love and obedience to his Lord meant so much to him.

Can we be like that? Can we truly realise that there is no one who loves us more than our Heavenly Father does? That He is concerned about keeping us His very own. He gives us commandments to love Him, we belong to Him, and no one can make us as full of joy and as great as our Heavenly Father.

Yes, if we get to know who God is, if our love is so that we can put Him before everything else; if we would but realise the great sacrifice He and His Son made on our behalf; if we have caught the wonderful vision of what the Gospel is about and love it with all our hearts, might, mind and strength and testify of it, then can we endure all things to the end.

In Primary when I was a Seagull, I recall our code. It went: "With my heart, with my head, with my hands, I will strive to do my best in word and deed, to worship my Heavenly Father, etc."

Now, what I'm referring to is even as in the MIA Theme, our hearts should be the fountain of our spirituality; our hands for the physical strength that is required to render service, to work and build up the Kingdom of God. What a different complexion this old world would have if everyone would love the Lord. In fact the ten commandments would not even be necessary. For if we love God, who would want to use His name in vain, bear false witness, murder, steal or break any of the other commandments.

For one whole year we will repeat at every MIA Meeting our new Theme. It has rung down from the beginning of time, through all ages and will do so throughout all eternity.

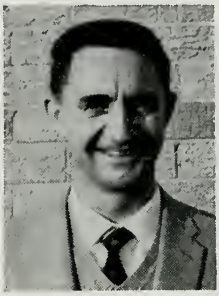
May we make it a very real part of our every-day living.

WOMAN

Sister Dora Fripp — Bloemfontein Branch

Since Adam's time upon this earth,
God has made known a woman's worth
And thus we find throughout the ages
The names of women on Holy Pages;
Eve, Sarah, Naomi, Mary, Ruth
Helped to build the word of truth.

Now in these latter days have we
Our own divine society
That woman still may play her part
With helping hands and kindly heart,
May ever by her husband's side
Work and help and teach and guide,
And so by loving word and deed
The Gospel bring to those in need.



D. C. BENINGTON

RAMAH BRANCH — M.I.A.

Convention poem competition

winner of senior division.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy might, mind and strength
and through Jesus Christ thou
shalt serve Him.

When the world around I contemplate
and the wonders see,
I thank the Lord who did create
these things for you and me.

The golden glow of the sun going down,
the soft sigh of the breeze,
the glorious oak in her autumn gown,
the humming of the bees.

The first few steps a baby takes,
the sparkle of a smile,
the happy sound of laughter makes
life so worth while.

Yes, all this and so much more,
from my Lord so kind,
I shall be ever grateful for
with all my might and mind.

And through His Son whom He did send,
with every bit of verve
and day upon my knees I'll bend,
and do my best to serve.

PAMELA CERFF

MOWBRAY BRANCH — M.I.A.

Convention poem competition winner of junior division.

GOD LOVES US

God loves us so He sent His Son
To live, yet die for everyone.
Can we, His children too,
Love Him, as is His due?

His Son took the initiative,
And told us that if we would live
With God, in the Celestial Light,
We must love Him with all our might.

His love for us is great and pure;
And of this fact we can be sure,
He wants to help, and guide our way,
In all we do, through every day.

Let us strive to return this love
Which gently enfolds us from above;
For He will counsel, guide, advise,
Both those unlearned and the wise.

We ask of Him so many blessings,
Yet, when granted, we forget these things.
Come! Follow His commandments true,
For that is all He asks of you.

THE POWER WITHIN MAN

by John A. Widtsoe

THE youth of today are inclined to look helplessly into the future. The old paths to success seem closed. Losses and suffering have overwhelmed millions of innocent people. This is a day of confusion. The house of civilization is shaken and twisted as by an earthquake of unknown cause and condition. Fear has crept into the hearts of men.

Serious as present conditions are, youth must remain hopeful. Courage and youth should be inseparable. Fear is the father of weakness; courage the mother of strength. The future is not wholly dark.

War, persecution, social upheaval and economic depression sweep the earth, as tempests and blizzards rage unbidden upon the land, but they do not last forever. They have value in that they teach the need of preparedness against future disasters. The broken law, the real cause, must be sought out and obeyed. Then prosperity is compelled to return.

Immutable laws operate in the lightning of the skies; fixed laws underlie the changing affairs of men. Prosperity or depression, success or failure, is usually the fruit of man's actions. Man's right as a free agent does not transcend law, otherwise chaos would rule and reign. Freedom is the child of obedience to law, while bondage is born of opposition to law. If youth will earnestly search out law and as resolutely obey it, prosperity will return and plead for acceptance.

Perhaps the way out is simpler and clearer than is commonly assumed. Look back over the immediate past! Was there lust for money and power and fame, at the cost of simple honesty and justice to the poor and unfortunate? Was strength of body and mind surrendered to the satisfaction of unnatural appetites? Were industry and toil exchanged for ease and luxury? Were the virtue of woman and the honour of man ..forgotten? Was ethics placed above religion? Was time wasted and power fritted away? Anwers to these and similar questions might explain our present dilemma and suggest the way out.

The responsibility for recovery rests upon the masses of men, upon each one of us. The few in official position, though of tremendous importance, can never and should never relieve the many of their obligations. No law is effective against the will of the people. The Bastille had thick walls, high towers, drawbridges, and strong locks, but when the people so decreed, it fell and the prisoners went free. Neither Congress nor Wall Street can be wholly charged with our disaster, or cure our condition. Only the people, each one of us, can conquer the troubles that surround us.

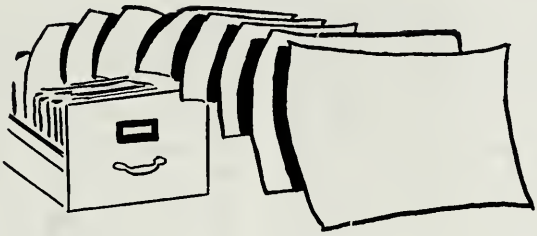
Such corrective changes are spiritual in their nature, for "out of the heart are the issues of life." This may be a new day, but the laws of life are unchanging.

If youth will become law abiding, through and through, their coming day will be the greatest ever known.

"Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for **the power is in them,** wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward."

Youth, moving into the waiting future, must use "the power within them". Then all will in time be well, and our present trouble will become transmuted into joy.

FROM OUR FILES



Baptisms

BELLVILLE

BOOYSEN, Mary Elizabeth
CHATER, Rosemary Ann
HARRISON, Daphne Millicent
KOSCUICH, Tadeusz

COPPERBELT

HALL, Ester Galloway Mc Burnie
HANSOM, Margaret Diana Wyn

DURBAN

FRASER, Lynette Kathleen

PORT ELIZABETH

SCHECKLE, Eric James
SCHECKLE, Errol Glenton
SCHECKLE, Josephine

PRETORIA

BRUMMER, Epher Cornelius
BRUMMER, Maurits Rudolph
KOSTER, Elizabeth
KOSTER, Jenny Margaretha Jiltje
KOSTER, Michael Donald
KOSTER, Noleen Rolande
MARTIN, Hester Johanna Maria
MARTIN, John Harry
MARTIN, Leon Karl

PRIMROSE

CLARK, Madeline Catherine
GAILY, Colene Barbara
NINOW, Matilda Jean
NINOW, Raymond Charles
POTGIETER, Cheralynne

RAMAH

FOLLEY, Denise Margaret
FREDRICKS, Maureen Anna C.
GASCOIGNE, Edgar Hurbert
LONG, Ellen Cathryn
PRINSLOO, Phillipus Cornelius
ROSSOUW, Daniel Johannes
SCHAFER, Diane Carol

SPRINGS

BOTHA, Louis Johannes
MAC KAY, Frederick Ian
MAC KAY, Kathleen Mary
STRYDOM, Daniel Pieter
STRYDOM, Elizabeth

VEREENIGING

SONNEKUS, Anke Inge Muller

WELKOM

PARKIN, George Stanley

Blessings

DURBAN

FILMALTER, Jane Elizabeth
FRASER, Craig Warren
WITTSTOCK, Carl Leslie
WITTSTOCK, Michelle Lorraine
WITTSTOCK, Ray Stanley

EAST RAND

ADENDORFF, Magdalena Elizabeth
ALEXANDER, Jennifer May
BESTER, Louise
JACOBS, Velia Antoinette

MOWBRAY

DONALDSON, Ian Charles Gordon
DONALDSON, John William Arthur
DONALDSON, Vanessa Ivy Helma
RIDGWAY, Shireen

PORT ELIZABETH

SCHECKLE, Caryl Renee

PRETORIA

BARNARDT, Teresa
BRUMMER, Anton L'ange
BRUMMER, Marits Rudolph
KOSTER, Andre Charl
MIESSNER, Beverly Yvonne
ROSSOUW, James Joseph
STEYN, Charene Daisy

RAMAH

DU TOIT, Eugene Gerhard
DU TOIT, Michael Teshert
FREDERICKS, Shelley Diane
JONES, Gaelyn
JUNG, Michael August
SCHAFER, Gary Victor
SCHAFER, Noel March
SCHAFER, Michelle Louise
SCHAFER, Wayne Lawrence

SPRINGS

MAC KAY, Colin Neal
MAC KAY, Valerie Anne

WELKOM

WATSON, Glenn Robert

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I WON'T COUNT THIS TIME

THE Hell to be endured hereafter, of which theology tells, is no worse than the Hell we make for ourselves in this world by habitually fashioning our characters in the wrong way. Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state. We are spinning our own fates, good or evil, and never to be undone. Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never so little scar. The drunken Rip van Winkle, in Jefferson's play, excuses himself every fresh dereliction by saying "I won't count this time." Well! he may not count it, and a kind Heaven may not count it; but it is being counted nonetheless. Down among his nerve cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do is, in strict scientic literalness, wiped out. Of course this has its good side as well as its bad one. As we become permanent drunkards by so many separate drinks, so we become saints in the moral, and authorities and experts in the practical and scientific spheres, by so many separate acts and hours of work. Let no youth have any anxiety about the upshot of his education, whatever the line of it may be. If he keeps faithfully busy each hour of the working day, he may safely leave the final result to itself. He can with perfect certainty count on waking up some fine morning, to find himself one of the competent ones of his generation, in whatever pursuit he may have singled out. Silently, between all of the details of his business, the power of judging in all that class of matter will have built itself up within him as a possession that will never pass away. Young people should know this truth in advance. The ignorance of it has probably engendered more discouragement and faintheartdness in youth embarking on arduous careers than all other causes put together.

William James

(Taken from "The New Era" which is a British Mission publication.)

(Continued from page 125)

Deaths

DURBAN

GETAZ, Wilhemina Louise

MOWBRAY

BRAND, Elizabeth S. A.

Marriage

PRETORIA

SLABBER, Noela June—married on March 23rd, 1963 to John Colin Scheltema.

Ordinations

COPPERBELT

MC TAVISH, Creswell, Jr.—to a Teacher.
MOSSOP, Geoffrey George—to a Priest.
NICKISSON, Keith William John—to a Deacon.
STEVENS, Jack Walter—to a Priest.

DURBAN

ELLIOT, Harold Kinnear—to a Priest.

RAMAH

BENINGTON, Derek Charles—to a Deacon.
BRENTOT, Norman Eugene—to a Deacon.
ROBB, Brian Dennis—to a Deacon.

WELKOM

BELDON, Glen—to a Deacon.
BUCKLE, Thomas Johannes—to a Priest.

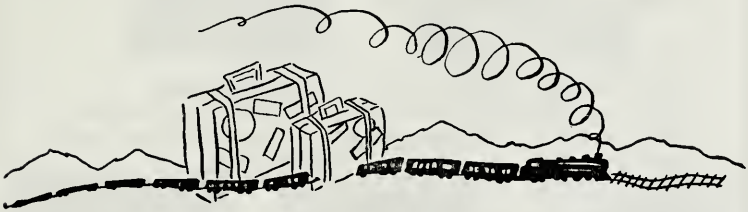
MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS

SISTER LINDA L. KIMBALL—from West Covina, California arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to the Mission Office.
SISTER MARGOT L. HIRSCHI—from Salt Lake City, Utah arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Pretoria.
SISTER MARY E. TERRY—from Bountiful, Utah arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Durban.
ELDER JOHN R. CARLSON—from Buena Park, California arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Johannesburg.
ELDER DALE L. DUNCAN—from Centerville, Utah arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Cape Town.
ELDER JACK G. EDWARDS—from Salt Lake City, Utah arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Vanderbijl Park.
ELDER BARRY J. ERICKSEN—from Lovell, Wyoming arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Kimberley.
ELDER LESLIE D. LARSON—from Shoshone, Idaho arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Johannesburg.
ELDER NEIL B. SMITH—from Draper, Utah arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Krugersdorp.
ELDER DANIEL L. STAPLEMAN—from Paul, Idaho arrived April 3, 1963 and was assigned to Klerksdorp.
ELDER JOHN CHARLES ALLEN—from Safford, Arizona arrived April 17, 1963 and was assigned to Pretoria.
ELDER KEITH CARTER GAMBLE—from Preston, Idaho arrived April 17, 1963 and was assigned to Pretoria.

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER R. KENT PARKER—Supervising Elder of Natal District, February 6, 1963.
ELDER KAY L. TISCHNER—Travelling Elder, April 5, 1963.
ELDER FRANKLYN D. KNOWLES—Travelling Elder, April 5, 1963.
ELDER KEITH W. SMITH—Supervising Elder of the West Rand District, April 5, 1963.
ELDER GENE S. THOMSON—Mission Secretary, April 19, 1963.
ELDER DAVID H. LUTHY—Supervising Elder of the Mission Home District, April 19, 1963.
SISTER LINDA L. KIMBALL—Assistant to the Mission President, Mission Historian, "Cumorah's Southern Messenger" Business Manager, April, 1963.



TRANSFERS

ELDER GLEN R. LONGHURST—from Germiston to Johannesburg, April 5, 1963.
ELDER GARY E. SMITH—from Cape Town to Germiston, April 5, 1963.
ELDER CHARLES T. WHITTAKER—from Vanderbijl Park to Krugersdorp, April 5, 1963.
ELDER ROBERT CHRISTENSEN—from Johannesburg to East London, April 5, 1963.
ELDER JOHN S. MATHESON—from Kimberley to Cape Town, April 5, 1963.
ELDER JOHN T. MEIRING—from Klerksdorp to Cape Town, April 5, 1963.
ELDER GENE S. THOMSON—from East London to Mission Office, April 5, 1963.
ELDER FRANKLYN D. KNOWLES—from Krugersdorp to Mission Home, April 5, 1963.
SISTER ALISON BAXTER—from Durban to Mission Home, April 5, 1963.
SISTER LORRAINE TAYLOR—from Mission Office to Pretoria, April 22, 1963.
ELDER JOHN C. LAMB—from Pretoria to Durban, April 19, 1963.
ELDER BRUCE C. WILLIAMS—from Pretoria to Kimberley, April 19, 1963.
ELDER GLEN R. LONGHURST—from Johannesburg to Pietermaritzburg, April 19, 1963.
ELDER DAVID S. NICHOLLS—from Durban to Benoni, April 19, 1963.
ELDER ALMA W. DONLY—from Bellville, Cape to Wynberg, Cape, April 19, 1963.
ELDER DON H. PERRY—from Mission Office to Springs, April 19, 1963.

RELEASES

SISTER ALISON M. BAXTER—from Brisbane, Australia. Laboured in Pretoria, Mission Office and Durban. Served as Assistant to the Mission President, Mission Historian, and "Cumorah's Southern Messenger" Business Manager. Released April 16, 1963.

ELDER DIGBY G. CHATER—from Johannesburg .Laboured in East London, Durban, Welkom, Cape Town and Mission Home. Released April 17, 1963.

ELDER MERRILL A. BARNEY—from Springville, Utah. Laboured in Pretoria, Welkom, Johannesburg, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia and Cape Town. Served as Travelling Elder. Released April 19, 1963.

ELDER RONALD H. BARLOW—from Layton, Utah. Laboured in Kensington, East London, Alberton, Pretoria and Pietermaritzburg. Released April 19, 1963.

ELDER GEORGE M. HEINECHE—from Midvale, Utah. Laboured in Welkom, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Kimberley. Released April 19, 1963.

ELDER CALVIN C. HUNSAKER—from Logan, Utah. Laboured in Welkom, Pretoria, Orkney, Klerskdorp and Cape Town. Served as Supervising Elder of Cape District. Released April 19, 1963.

ELDER VERNON DEAN KNIGHT—from Murray, Utah. Laboured in Pretoria, Vereeniging, Johannesburg, East London and Springs. Released April 19, 1963.

ELDER ARCHIE G. MAUGHAN—from Wellsville, Utah. Laboured in Hillbrow, Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town, Benoni. Served as Travelling Elder. Released April 19, 1963.

OPPORTUNITY

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it,
Raged a furious battle, and men yelled,
And swords shocked upon swords and shields.
A prince's banner wavered, then staggered
Backward, hemmed by foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel —
That blue blade that the king's son bears — but this
Blunt thing!" — he snapped and flung it from his hand.
And lowering crept away and left the field.

Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout
Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.

by Edward R. Sill

(Taken from "The New Era" which is a British Mission publication.)

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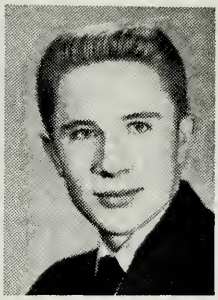
ELDER DIGBY G. CHATER, Johannesburg



ELDER ARCHIE G. MAUGHAN, Wellsville, Utah

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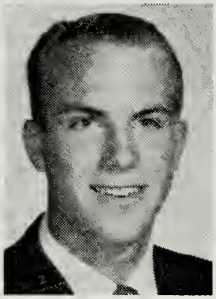
SISTER ALISON M. BAXTER, Brisbane, Australia



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BRANCH REPORTS

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH
Alma Robb

THE month of March has been quite a busy one, especially as far as the Relief Society was concerned. On Sunday, March 17, the Relief Society took over the programme at Sacrament Meeting. We first heard from the Relief Society President, President Inez Spear, after which three other lovely ladies gave talks. They were Sister Doris Fripp, who spoke about what the Relief Society means to her as a new member; President Syd Spear, who spoke as a husband of a Relief Society Sister; and last was Sister Mona Spear, who spoke about the Relief Society in general. This programme marked the 121st anniversary of this great women's organization. On March 19, the Relief Society presented the "Book of Memory" of all past Relief Society Presidents. It was very well done. At the conclusion Sister Gwyn Daubney sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," which was very nice. We express our sincere thanks to the members of the Priesthood, who made the book for us. It was really a lovely one. On March 18, we were priviledged to have Sister Wiid with us from Cape Town. We wish to thank her for her very fine and interesting talk on genealogy.

On Saturday, April 6, we were fortunate enough to witness the baptism of Sister Cathorine Swart and her two sons, Johan and Barend. We extend our congratulations to you, and may our Heavenly Father bless and guide you always.

Our Branch President, Brother C. H. Spear, and his family have gone on a holiday to Durban for a well-earned rest. We hope they're enjoying themselves.

We send our greetings to all of the other branches in the South African Mission.

BULAWAYO BRANCH
Shirley Woolf

HAPPY news! Brother and Sister Herbert were blessed with another baby girl on January 6. We extend our warmest congratulations to the happy parents

The Relief Society came out of recess on February 7. In our first testimony meeting we heard many beautiful testimonies. On February 8 we held our monthly Officers' and Teachers' Meeting, and we discussed many important subjects.

On February 24, Branch Conference was held. The floral arrangements were most pleasing and exquisite. At the Relief Society Session President Alldredge presided, as Sister Alldredge was unable to be with

us. The speakers at both of the general sessions gave us words of counsel and advice which were truly inspired by the Holy Ghost. Our beloved President Alldredge strengthened our faith with words of love, faith and trust in our Heavenly Father. We missed the presence of Sister Alldredge at our conference but we are sure she was with us in thought.

We also had with us during conference Elder Walton Muir, who is on his way to Kitwe, and Elder Larry Weatherbee, who will be travelling to Salisbury. We pray that they will be happy furthering the work of the Lord in this part of His vineyard.

On March 2 President Isaac performed the sacred ordinance of marriage between Sister Charlotte Woolf and Brother Walter Jubber. The bride made a beautiful picture in pure white lace. No artist could have improved on the radiance and beauty which she possessed. The groom looked very handsome and full of pride as the bride came down the aisle towards him. They will be spending their honeymoon in East London. May the Lord guide and direct Brother and Sister Walter Jubber as they start a new chapter of their lives.

We extend a warm welcome to Elder Chugg, and we hope he will be happy with us here in Bulawayo. We pray that the missionaries will reap a rich harvest after they have sown the seeds of the Gospel here in our land.

On Easter Monday, the Saints enjoyed the open air when they went on a picnic. There was plenty of delicious food and everyone relaxed and enjoyed God's many blessings.

We send our love and greetings to the Saints everywhere. God bless you all.

CARLETONVILLE BRANCH

Cecilia Nell

DURING the month we have had numerous ordinations to the Priesthood. Brother I. Cocknell, Brother I. du Plessis and Brother A. Joubert were ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood. Also, Brother Jan Joubert was advanced to a Priest and Brother Frans (Jnr.) Joubert was advanced to a teacher. May our Father in Heaven bless them to the extent that they will have the abilities to magnify their priesthood as He would have them do.

We thank Elder Boetes and Elder Tischner for their attending services with us during the month.

President Bibb was again a welcome visitor in our midst during the month.

On March 17, some of our members attended the Krugersdorp Branch Conference and enjoyed the spirit and friendliness of the Saints there.

The Saints of Carletonville extend their greetings to their fellow-Saints, and we are hoping to see you all at "Ramah" during the M.I.A. Convention.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Iris J. Engh

WHAT a lot of activity we seem to have had up here on the Copperbelt this past month. The highlight of the month was the visit from President and Sister Alldredge, who came up for Conference. It was wonderful having these two grand people with us for a few days. During the Conference sessions, at which we had bumper attendances, some wonderfully spiritual thoughts were left with us by both President and Sister Alldredge.

While they were with us our monthly Officers' and Teachers' Meeting was held in the lovely home of Brother Calteaux. Sister Alldredge, as usual, came up with plenty of wonderful ideas at the Relief Society meeting. All the members of the Priesthood and Branch Presidency felt

spiritually uplifted after being addressed by President Alldredge. Sister Rose Calteaux served a delicious curry and rice supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We "Mormons" certainly do ourselves well when it comes to feasting.

We welcome Sisters Hall and Hansom into our fold; they were baptised during Conference. God bless you both, and may you by your example bring others to a knowledge of the Gospel.

Our best wishes to Brother Creswell McTavish, Junior, who was ordained a Teacher, and Brother Keith Nickisson, who was ordained a Deacon.

Sister Arlene Harker has just returned from the U.S.A., and we are looking forward to hearing all about her experiences while away. Welcome home, Arlene! Brother and Sister Engh, too, are back after having spent two glorious months in the Republic.

Our membership is rapidly growing, and we feel now more than ever that the day must hasten for our Chapel to be built. Judging by the furnishings and carpeting which have been selected, we are going to have a really beautiful Chapel.

Brother and Sister McTavish have left for Johannesburg to attend Conference and also to see their daughter Glynis, who has also just returned from the States. What a reunion for the McTavishes!

We here on the Copperbelt send greetings to Saints throughout the South African Mission. God bless you all.

DURBAN BRANCH

Pat Kunitz

TO celebrate their 21st birthday, the Relief Society invited the whole branch to a party on Thursday, March 14. The excellent programme and refreshments were enjoyed by all. On Sunday, March 17, the Relief Society presented the programme at Sacrament Service, and the Sisters gave very fine talks and musical items.

The Melchizidek Priesthood quorum held a get-together in the form of a braaivleis during the month, and old and young alike joined in the fun.

We are very happy to welcome Sister Margaret Bury back from her Mission, and hope that she won't be leaving for "a distant land" too soon in the future.

We have had many visitors from other branches, and we hope they enjoyed themselves in Durban and the "Grove."

We extend a warm welcome to Brother and Sister Hennie Pelser and family from Margate, who have come to settle in Durban.

There have been quite a few departures from Durban recently. Brother Robert Cameron is in Cape Town, and Sister Margaret Cameron also left recently for Cape Town. Brother Barry Roberts is enjoying his stay in England but "misses Durban." Ralph and Sister Lavinia Grove and family have gone to settle in Port Elizabeth, and Sister Judy Coetzee has accompanied them. (Judy is missed at basketball.) Brother and Sister Tommy Jamieson and family are going to settle in Zululand. We are going to miss all these Brothers and Sisters but hope they will visit Durban regularly.

A special "farewell" Sacrament Service was held in honour of Brother Melvie and Sister Winsome Jakins, Wendell, Lyle and Janice. We had the pleasure of hearing from each member of the family. After the service a fireside was held, and many members paid tribute to the family for all the work they had done in the Durban Branch. President Spear and family from Bloemfontein, who are holidaying in Durban, were also present to say goodbye on behalf of Bloemfontein Branch, where Brother

Melvie had been a member for a few months. They were presented with a beautiful mounted photograph of "The Grove" Chapel and other personal gifts. We are going to miss them all very much, particularly Sister Winsom in the musical field, but we wish them every happiness. Our thoughts and prayers were with them as they sailed from Durban on April 9 to settle in Salt Lake City.

We are sorry to report that the Margate Branch has been officially disbanded, as only one active family now remains in that area—Brother and Sister Grantham and family. We know that the Lord will bless them and help them in all their activities.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan

DURING the month of March construction of the East London Chapel was practically nil, as rain fell steadily throughout the month, making it one of the wettest months on record. April began with the same bleak outlook. Then President Corrigan announced on Fast Sunday, April 7, that a special fast day would be held on Wednesday, April 10, and prayers would be offered for favourable conditions so that the builders could proceed with the work. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the fine weather we have experienced since then.

We had two lots of visitors during the month—Brother and Sister van Heerden and their family from Port Elizabeth, and Brother Brickness and his sons from Welkom.

A most enjoyable and entertaining evening was held on March 23 at the home of Brother and Sister Corrigan, when, despite the inclement weather, a good turnout of Saints came along to take part in the C.S.M. festival. Sister T. Trollip was in charge of the activities, and she kept everyone on the "qui vive" with the many varied games she organised. We believe the evening was a financial success too!

The programme on Easter Sunday was simple but very beautiful. Sister T. Trollip read the Easter story from John 20 : 1-31, and Sisters Ann Corrigan and Elizabeth Human each gave a three-minute talk on Christ's gift of the Atonement and Christ's gift of the Gospel pattern for living, respectively. Both these young Sisters have fine, clear voices, and their sincerity and earnestness on the subjects assigned reached the hearts of the listeners.

Sisters Gaby Randall, Edie Toughey and Lorna Lloyd have been on the sick list lately. Influenza, colds and sore throats have been rife among the members. We hope the fine weather will set everyone on the road to better health.

The missionary Elders are changed so rapidly in East London that we hardly become acquainted with one before he is transferred. We said goodbye to Elder G. Thomson on April 3. We hope he remembers all the messages given him to deliver at "Cumorah" and Ramah. Elder R. Christensen is our new missionary in the field, and we hope he will have a happy and successful time in East London.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH

May Schultz

WE are very sorry to lose Sister Pat Holbrook, who was our branch reporter for the C.S.M. She has taken up nursing in Johannesburg, and will now attend the Ramah Branch. Our loss will be Ramah's gain. We wish Sister Holbrook all the best of luck.

Brother Ken Lind left us in February to work in Durban. Sister Joan Lind left at the end of March to join him. We shall all miss them, as

they were really wonderful members. Brother Lind was acting Branch Clerk and Sister Lind was Second Counsellor in the Sunday School superintendency and Social Science teacher in Relief Society. If Durban wants two more active members they know where to get them and use them.

Sister Peggy Rafferty has also moved to Johannesburg. She was married in Ramah on March 30 to Mr. Angus Rouse.

On March 21 our branch had the pleasure of having President Alldredge, President Powrie, President Cherrett and President Bibb meet with us at Brother and Sister Wilson's home. The reason for the meeting was to make us an independent branch. Brother Wilson was set apart as Branch President, Brother Hanekom as First Counsellor, Brother Schultz as Second Counsellor, with Brother Palmer as Branch Clerk. We were before a dependent branch under the jurisdiction of Krugersdorp. It was really a lovely evening. All the Presidents gave us talks which were really food for thought and inspired us. Most of the members turned out; we even had an investigator.

On March 22, we had our C.S.M. festival. It went off with a bang and was most successful. It was held at the home of Brother and Sister Lehmann. Brother Lehmann arranged different games for the children, including one where they had to try and catch a sausage hanging from a string. This gave us adults a great deal of fun. Then Brother Lehmann did a few tricks for us. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Thursday, March 28, after our Relief Society meeting, the Sisters all went from Orkney to Stilfontein to give a farewell and stork party for Sister Lind at her mother's home. Sister Lind was unable to attend the Relief Society meeting that evening.

We all wish Sister Fraser a speedy recovery. She was very ill in the nursing home with yellow jaundice. She is now recovering from her illness at home.

Brother Human was baptised into the Church on March 30. Though we have lost four members, we have gained one and, if all goes well, we hope to gain more soon.

We all enjoyed the special programme the Relief Society Sisters gave on March 17, when they took over the second half of the Sacrament Meeting. We'd like to say thanks to the Sisters who gave talks — they were inspiring. We really learned a lot from them and enjoyed the hymns sung by the Singing Mothers.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Joyce Levy

MARCH has been a very busy month for the Krugersdorp Branch. On the 8th, we catered for the Priesthood meeting at Ramah, and the Sisters worked very hard under the supervision of Sister Joe Sawyer. On the 9th we had a braaivleis to aid the building fund. The braaivleis was held on the Chapel site, and it was lovely to sit under the pine trees and sing songs around the log fires. A most enjoyable evening was had by everyone who attended.

On Tuesday, March 12, Primary Conference was held, and was very well attended by the children. They were thrilled to have Brother L. Bibb and Sister Cherrett speak to them. The next evening we had our Genealogical Conference, at which we saw two lovely films. The following evening, being Thursday, was our Relief Society Conference. We were very pleased to have Sister Dewsnup present and we enjoyed the lovely talk she gave to us. The following Thursday the Relief Society had its work and birthday party combined, and as always, the Sisters thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Our Branch Conference was held at Florida. It was really lovely to see Carletonville and Klerksdorp members present. It was wonderful to listen to the district leaders, and their talks gave us the spiritual uplift we all needed to strengthen us to be able to carry on the Lord's work

here. The Singing Mothers added the finishing touch to a lovely conference. Lunch was eaten by the lake under the trees.

The C.S.M. Festival was held on the 22nd. We had a curry and rice supper, which was delicious, followed by a few games, and then we listened to a number of solo musical items. We rounded off the evening with everyone singing all the old favourites.

The Relief Society's Special Programme was very good. The speakers gave very interesting and uplifting talks. The Sisters who sang in the quartet at the meeting surprised us with some very lovely singing.

The Brothers have once more been working very hard at the Chapel grounds, drilling and digging. We can hardly believe that in th near future we will have our meetings in our own Chapel, and we thank our Heavenly Father that this year we will see this dream fulfilled.

We were very happy to see Sister MacTavish return from her trip to America and we were very thankful for her safe arrival. We are sorry, however, that she is not remaining in Krugersdorp.

We ask the Lord to be with Brother J. Kotze and help him to recover from his two operations. We have all been thinking of him at this time and wish to see him up and around once again.

We send our greetings to all of the Saints wherever they may be.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Madge McHugh

THE M.I.A. held a concert during the month and everyone was invited. We had piano solos, recitations and songs. Some of them were given by non-members. A couple of skits were also put on. The final item was a one-act road show, produced by Sister Jean Charsley, entitled "Spring is Sprung." Refreshments were served, and all went home still having a laugh over the skits and road show. We are happy that everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have had another baptismal service, and we welcome Brother and Sister Scheckle and their son and daughter into the Gospel.

Brother and Sister Grove and their daughter have arrived here from Durban, and we welcome them in the branch and hope that they will be happy with us. Brother Victor Corney spent a few days here with his parents from Rhodesia. We were happy to see him.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Anna Muller

WE are very happy to welcome into our branch all those new members who were baptised this month. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide these new members along the path they have chosen and that they will find joy and happiness in the Gospel teachings.

Congratulations to the parents of all the little ones who were blessed.

On March 9, we had our Budget Dinner, with a film show afterwards. The Sisters served an excellent meal as usual, and we look forward to the next dinner. We hope more members will attend next time.

We were very pleased to see Sister Nella van Vuuren again after her stay in the hospital. We pray that her health may soon be fully restored.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brother Uytenbogaardt, who is very ill in hospital at present.

Welcome back to Brother John Herholdt, Snr. It is good to see him again after his stay overseas.

During the Relief Society Anniversary Service, the mmbers were deeply touched by the beautiful choir numbers rendered by the Singing Mothers and the solo numbers by Sister Christene du Plessis. May the Lord's blessings be with the Relief Society Sisters all over the world.

The C.S.M. Festival, on March 22, was enjoyed by everyone present. It started off with a variety concert, followed by games and dancing. We certainly have some wonderful talent in Pretoria Branch.

Saturday, March 23, heralded the wedding day of two very popular young members. What a beautiful and radiant bride was Sister Nola Slabber when she was married to Brother John Scheltema! Little Sisters Marthie du Preez and Yvonne Richards were the two pretty little flower girls. The Relief Society Sisters excelled themselves with the wonderful refreshments that were served in the Cultural Hall. Among the many guests present at the ceremony were President and Sister Alldredge, President and Sister Powrie and several branch Presidents and members from other branches. May the Lord bless John and Nola abundantly.

We are looking forward to District Conference and Youth Convention, where we will be able to renew our acquaintances with the Saints from the other branches.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

PRIMROSE has had many visitors this month, and during our Branch Conference we were truly honoured to have President Powrie and his counsellors visit us. We enjoyed their remarks and appreciated their counsel very much.

President and Sister Norbury celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary recently. On March 23, a surprise party was given in honour of them by the Primary teachers. President and Sister Norbury wish to thank all those Sisters who made their anniversary such a pleasant one.

A picnic was organised for the members of the branch on March 6. Those present enjoyed themselves so much that they wished more Saints had attended.

A C.S.M. evening was held at Brother and Sister de Wet's home, and we had a very good turnout. The entertainment officers really excelled by keeping us well entertained with a variety of games and several funny films, which the children especially enjoyed. Everyone present really had a grand evening.

RAMAH BRANCH

Tiny Matthews

OUR happiest news comes from our beloved President Chater and Sister Barbara, who have been blessed with a baby son. Congratulations to you both and may young Gary Brian be a great joy to you always.

This month has been a very busy one in preparation for the M.I.A. Convention. Normal M.I.A. activities were in recess, but the "New Year" starts on May 7 with an opening social called "Family Safari."

The Youth Convention was a great success, and our congratulations and thanks go to all those who took part in it. Great talent was shown in the production and playing of the road shows, and all were enjoyed, though Springs was just that much better than anybody else and was awarded for the best presentation. A lot of sweat and tears resulted from rehearsals of "Papa and the Playhouse," but I think we all agree that it was worth it—it was a polished and shining performance. Special mention should be made of the conscientious attendance at rehearsals of the Springs and Pretoria members of the cast.

The volleyball matches were well attended on Saturday afternoon, though it was disappointing that the finals of the games could not be played because of the rain. However, Cape Town has taken a cup home, hoping to keep it when Springs go down to play their match. Durban has also taken the cup home with high hopes for their girls' team. Springs and Pretoria will play out their match as soon as it can be arranged this year.

It is intended that the M.I.A. will be arranged on a dual basis, as is done in America. That means that there will be a young women's M.I.A. and a young men's M.I.A., though, of course, meetings and activities will still be held together.

Elder Digby Chater is well again and is home for good after the completion of his mission. Welcome home, Digby, and congratulations on your success as a missionary. Brother Jackie de Wet leaves shortly on a mission, and with him go our very best wishes for his success. We'll miss you at Ramah, Jackie, but you'll soon be back with us very much richer for your experience.

The M.I.A. will be selecting a Sports Committee to arrange tennis matches, etc. We are looking forward to an active sporting crowd in the Church. In the meantime there's an open invitation to members to use the court if they can provide their own net and tennis balls.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Jean Schonnberg

IN Salisbury we are conscious of the fact that these are momentous days in the history of this lovely land of ours, and we pray our Heavenly Father's guiding hand to be upon those in whose hands the destiny of our country rests. We can glory in the knowledge that we are always within the circle of His love and that soon a chapel which will glorify His name will rise in Salisbury.

During the month we had our C.S.M. festival, and what a splendid evening it was. Members and friends gathered at the Jameson Avenue Hall, and soon they were enjoying a fine dinner prepared by the committee, who had gone to a considerable amount of work to make the evening a success. There was a continuous stream of people to the buffet table, where much discussion on the merits of the various dishes was taking place. Later in the evening a social was held and games were arranged. Everyone enjoyed this event very much.

The Saints were very sad at having to bid farewell to another of their number who was leaving the branch. This has recently happened far too often for our depleted little band, and we always say good-bye most reluctantly. Brother Arthur Pepper has left us to reside in the Republic of South Africa, and we pray that our Father in Heaven's blessings will be upon him and guide and direct him in his personal affairs. Brother Pepper gave his farewell talk on Sunday, March 31, and was presented with a travelling clock by the branch.

The Relief Society has been enjoying its weekly meetings, and we have commenced our "talent scheme." Each Sister has been given one pound and is to increase its value by her own labours. On Sunday, March 17, the Relief Society Special Programme was held. The speakers were Sister Gorden-Carroll and Sister Grace Corbett.

On March 19 the M.I.A. arranged a full film evening. "Song in the Clouds," a film taken from the air covering the fabulous Andes, was well worth seeing, and it made one long to see other parts of this wonderful world of ours. Following this was a Wankie Game Reserve film and a film on the Le Mans car race—the youngsters' special!

The Saints in Salisbury send greetings to all other branches of the Mission in South Africa and pray their work for the Lord will continue to bring them great joy and blessings.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Melaney Peterson

DURING these busy days preceding the M.I.A. Convention people are so rushed that they don't seem to stop what they're doing long enough to make news. We're grateful to the Relief Society Sisters, however, for their activities. The Sisters held a very successful cake sale on April 16. Their President, Sister Jubber, was very proud of the additional funds for the Relief Society. On Sunday, the 16th, the Relief Society conducted at our Sacrament Meeting. The programme was enhanced by the lovely numbers which the Singing Mothers of the branch rendered.

Sister Britz is still in hospital, and continues to bear up cheerfully in spite of her pain. We urge the members, especially the Relief Society Sisters, to pray for this Sister. Above all, she appreciates the fact that we remember her in our prayers.

Brother Tony Storror has completed his nine months of army training. The branch is glad to know that from now on we'll see him all the time and not just on occasional visits. Welcome home, Brother Tony. Another member we'll be seeing a lot more of is Brother Ken Jubber, who has taken up a position of work nearer home.

On her last visit to Relief Society, Sister Adlard was presented with a farewell gift from the Sisters of the branch. Afterwards a small farewell party was held for the Adlard family. As we reported last month, the Adlards are leaving for England, where Brother Adlard will work for two years. Best of luck to them from the branch.

We were very happy to welcome Sister Annamarie Bassow into our branch. We know that the Lord will bless her as she continues in the Gospel.

We send greetings to all the branches.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Rowland Roberts

ATTENDANCE at Sunday School and Sacrament Services is improving, and it is a pleasure to see our meeting place filling up. We have some investigators in the branch who are becoming steadfast in their testimonies of the truthfulness of the Gospel and, with the Lord's help, we can see the missionaries having some more baptisms at the end of the current month.

The spirit of the branch is good, and we are grateful to the Lord for his continued blessings and guidance.

We congratulate Brother and Sister Sheasby on another addition to the family, and we pray that all will be well with mother and child.

The Primary is still very active, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the zealous efforts which seem to be making this auxiliary such a success. The Vanderbijl families will be holding their own Primary due to transportation difficulties. We are determined that all of the children will have the benefit of this wonderful organisation.

The Lord has increased our strength of Priesthood holders in the branch by giving us four new Elders, which gives us a strength of six in the branch. We thank Him for this blessing, and we will endeavour to put this newly bestowed power to good use.

The Relief Society stands steadfast amid all of the changes and continues on its serene way. A recent cake sale held by the Relief Society added R13 to our building fund.

There are a lot of projects on the way for increasing the building fund, which the Priesthood has undertaken to support to the limit. We are determined that this fund will steadily grow to maturity so that we can build a Chapel worthy of the Lord.

WELKOM BRANCH

Arlene Gilburt

THE building of our Chapel is progressing favourably and is now nearing completion. Drapes, carpets and colour schemes have now been decided upon. We here in Welkom are very proud of our Chapel and are sure that it will be the best in the South African Mission.

A welcome home party was held on March 9 for the Robinsons. A terrific time was had by all present, the only pity being that so few members participate in these functions.

Baby Glenn Watson was blessed last month. We hope and pray that he will grow up to be a strong member of the Church and that he will be greatly blessed.

Branch Conference was held on March 23 and 24. It was good to have President and Sister Alldredge, plus the visitors from Bloemfontein, with us once again. Some really inspiring talks were given.

To Brother Tom Buckle, who has been advanced in the Priesthood, and to Brother Glenn Beldon, who now holds the Priesthood, go our blessings. May you prosper and ever advance.

Relief Society presented a film show on all past and present Relief Society presidents to celebrate the birthday of Relief Society. They also put on a special programme at Sacrament to commemorate the start of Relief Society.

We are happy to report that there has not been any bad illnesses in our branch for some time. We have had, though, only the minor colds and flu, which I am pleased to say seem to clear up rapidly.

All those who are going up to the M.I.A. Convention are really looking forward to the event.

Our thoughts and good wishes go to all members of the Church.

Character

I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men.

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LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, 110 Devenish Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Meetings: Vereeniging Peace Lodge, Joubert Street, Vereeniging.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Stateway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Labangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Builderswarl Building, Coronation Square, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road, (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

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